

We used to climb the bleachers high.  
To see the foul and home-run hits;  
We paid, with laughter in our eye,  
Our little old two-bits.

## MAJOR LEAGUE SEASON TO BE OPENED TUESDAY

**Yankees Make It Six Straight From Braves in Series Played on Return Journey From Southern Camps**

[By Cable to THE STARS AND STRIPES.]  
NEW YORK, April 11.—The major league clubs, after several weeks of preliminary practice, are now getting down to the home stretch in the pre-season games, and the managers are busy selecting their lineups for the opening league clashes next Tuesday, April 16.

At Little Rock, Ark., the Boston Sox defeated the Brooklyn Dodgers in the third game of their series, the final score being 3 to 2.

At Dallas, Tex., the Red Sox defeated the Dodgers 7 to 6 in a 16 inning battle. The score was tied twice during the game, once in the eighth inning and again in the 15th. Clarence Mitchell entered the game for the Dodgers in the sixth and twirled the next ten innings. He stopped the Red Sox until the 15th, when he was relieved by the pitcher, who then doubled for Boston and took third in a bad throw by Combs, scoring on a sacrifice fly.

**Yankees Trounce Braves**  
At Dublin, Ga., the Yankees beat the Boston Braves 3 to 0 in the inaugural contest of a series to be played on the swing northward. Muddy Ruel, for the Yankees, sent a long triple to right center in the fifth inning, breaking up the Braves' defense. McGeorge held the Braves hitless in the last four innings. After the third inning, only one Brave reached the bases.

In the game played at Augusta, Ga., the Yankees beat the Braves 12 to 0, putting up a six-run lead in the first two innings. Caldwell, for the Yankees, beat the Braves down with six hits and two runs in the six innings in which he was on the mound. McGraw, who succeeded him, was driven from the peak in a single round.

At Orangeburg, S. C., the Yankees won from the Braves 2 to 1 in 11 innings. The Braves started to cut up the Yankees in the early innings, putting over two runners in the fourth, while Ragan held the Yankees helpless until the sixth. With the bases filled, Ragan was taken out for a pinch hitter, and in the eighth the Yankees managed to tie the score off Hughes, who had succeeded Ragan.

**Boston Misses Charlie Herzog**  
At Marion, Ga., the Yankees defeated the Braves 2 to 1, mauling their heavy artillery in the sixth inning and sending the Braves to the second base trenches. At Columbia, S. C., the Yankees won from the Braves by a 10 to 0 count. Slim Love finishing seven Braves.

## STAR SHELLS

By Q.M. SGT. STUART CARROLL, Q.M.C. "OFF MARSEILLES"

Back in the States, when our bunkie was mentally touring, we told him simply that he was "off his nut." In France there is a more polite expression which conveys the same meaning. When a person obviously is wearing on his face the "apparition of a four" star shells, further is advised that the pronunciation is "Mar-say" and not, as we and numerous other Yanks believe, "Mar-say."

When the Top has put your name up On the list to do K.P.  
Even though you saw the same up For successive days and three,  
Do not try to quarrel him. At in days of border cheer,  
For the line you used to hand him Is "de trop" while over here.

Chorus  
Stand at ease, if you please,  
Homage you must pay;  
Grin a bit, try this bit:  
"Top, you're off Marseilles!"

Shocking, isn't it, how New York grows more wicked year by year? Now they've passed a law legalizing Sunday baseball. Why, my dear, they'll be permitting cigarette smoking next.

Casendo, Iowa, home of Red Barber of the White Sox, came through in a pinch and sent enough volunteers to keep Red from being drafted. But baseball seems a piker game when there's a regular scrap going on elsewhere. And we always thought that had endowed with carmine locks would rather be in the big show than engaged in "making the pennant safe for Chi."

Another surprise to sport followers was to read of Knockout Brown being rejected by the Army because of a bad eye. We never noticed anything wrong with his vision when he punched his way to the lightweight championship of New York.

Charlie Herzog continues to be a hold-up-er—that is a holdout.

OFFICE LOCALS  
(By Remembrance)

At military drill this a.m., a rent was observed in the jeans of the Business Dept.

A phonograph has been placed near the desk of the Chief Clerk. If it plays "A Broken Doll" much more, it'll be "A Rusted Instrument" so says our next desk neighbor.

The Treasurer's dept. had his own box of matches yesterday.

The Advertising section was pinched for "exposing a light after dark." See report of trial on another page.

The Orfan dept. is practicing at being papa. He came in at 3 this morning.

The Listening Post is the only one that hasn't been climbed by the boss.

Miss Information sarcastically refers to the office personnel as the Camp Fire girls.

**TENDLER OUTFIGHTS CLINE**

[By Cable to THE STARS AND STRIPES.]  
NEW YORK, April 11.—Lew Tandler of Philadelphia outfought Fatsy Cline of New York in their six round bout at Philadelphia.

In the first round Tandler jabbed Cline bloody, and in the second and third periods he had Cline against the ropes. In the fourth round he cut Cline's ear open with a heavy left, and also landed several uppercuts with his left.

The sixth round ended with Cline clinching and holding on until the bell stopped the battle.

# HUNS MAY REQUEST WAIVERS ON KAISER

## COLLEGE BALL SEASON ON

[By Cable to THE STARS AND STRIPES.]  
NEW YORK, April 11.—While the big league teams are busy preparing for the opening of their regular season, college nines also are hard at it getting in shape for the latter games.

At West Point the Boston College team won from the Army team 6 to 2, giving the Cadets their first defeat of the season. The Army's twirler, Murrill, got away to a bad start and when he was taken from the box in the second inning, with nobody down, Boston had secured all its tails. The score:

Boston College 2 4 0 0 0 0 0 0—6  
West Point 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0—2  
At Annapolis, the Midshipmen beat Fordham College 5 to 3. The Midshipmen managed to get six hits in the game, while Fordham gathered seven. Fordham filled the bases in the eighth and nearly won out, one man being retired at the plate. The score:

Annapolis 1 0 3 0 1 0 0 0—5  
Fordham 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 0—3

## NEW INTERNATIONAL TAKES PLACE OF OLD

**Five Former Clubs Among Those to Play Revived Circuit**

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NEW YORK, April 11.—The International league corps has sat up and is able to take nourishment.

Representatives from eight eastern cities have organized a new International league with a Class A rating. The old rating was AA. Toronto, Buffalo, Rochester, Baltimore and Newark, of the old league, are in the new organization, while Syracuse, Jersey City and Wilmington will also be in the circuit. Play will start May 8 and close September 15.

Sunday games will be played in every city except Toronto, and this may help in pulling the league through. The double umpire system will be used. A 14 player limit has been adopted. Each club guarantees \$100 a day to the visiting team.

## NO DODGING OPERATIONS

Suppose a doctor tells you that you need an operation, or some sort of medical treatment. Suppose, for reason of your own, you don't think it necessary. What happens?

In case such a situation should come up, here is the procedure to be followed. G.O.P. W.D. Old rules dealing with it have been suspended; this is the new way:

"In time of war, if a soldier refuses to submit to operation or medical treatment, he will be examined by a board of three medical officers convened by the division commander or commander of a base hospital."

"If, in the opinion of the board, the operation or medical treatment advised is necessary to enable the soldier to perform properly his military duties, and he persists in his refusal after being notified of the findings of the board, he may be tried by court-martial under the 99th Article of War."

## WEST MAY GET BIG BOUT

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NEW YORK, April 11.—Colonel Miller is moving westward with the Willard-Fulton bout after listening earnestly to the eloquent eastern promoters.

The colonel intimates that certified checks are more to him than kind words, and that, Denver, Reno and other breezy western spots seem more inclined to loosen up than the effete East.

## SUNDAY BALL HAS CHANCE

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It is now up to the Assembly, where a fight is expected.

## LAJOIE TO LEAD HOOSIERS

[By Cable to THE STARS AND STRIPES.]  
NEW YORK, April 11.—Larry Lajoie probably will get his release through the Brooklyn club from his contract with Toronto, and if he is successful, he will become manager of the Indianapolis club of the American Association. As such, he would be the highest paid minor league manager in the country.

## DIAMOND FLASHES

Johnny (Dots) Miller, former captain of the Cardinals, is at a marine camp, and has won the cross for expert rifleman.

The Western league has completed its circuit, Lincoln being succeeded by Sioux City and Denver by Topeka. Dan Wichta, Chris Hinchinson and Joplin complete the list of cities.

The Buffalo club was sold at auction by the sheriff recently for \$4,500. Lanning of Boston bought the park for \$100,000 and intends to cut it up into building lots.

Frank Kohlbecker, a semipro catcher, has been signed by Joe Tinker at Columbus, Ohio, for a trial.

Tom Chivington, who has been appointed business manager of the Louisville club, announces the purchase of Jack Leitch from Kansas City.

Dan Howley has been named coach of the Red Sox catchers.

Jack Egan of Providence succeeds Ned Egan as manager of Milwaukee, the latter being too ill for the job.

Jimmy Archer, who was released by the Cubs last year, has signed to catch for the Pirates.

Bill Jackson, formerly with Peoria, is manager of the Omaha club.

The Central league will consist of six clubs this season—Topeka, Hannu, Springfield, Ohio, Evansville, Richmond, Bloomington and Peoria.

Ducky Holmes and Ollie Chill have been signed to umpire in the A.A. again.

George Burns, secured by Connie Mack for Ping Bode from the Yankees, has been placed in Class L of the draft. Al Mamaux of the Dodgers is in the same class. Pitcher Milligan of the Pirates has been ordered to report at once for service.

Ray Keating has been turned over to St. Paul by Miller Huggins of the Yankees. Pitcher Bowman, with Toledo last year, is to be given another trial by Huggins.

Doc Sanders has signed with the Kansas City Blues, this completing the deal whereby Fred Mohlweitz went to the Pirates last fall.

Po Pernal, New York twirler, still says he is through with the game. Jim Vaughan, of the Cubs, is no longer a holdout, having signed up.

## BASEBALL LEAGUE BLOSSOMS OUT IN PARIS

**Eighteen Teams Make Application for Admission to Circuit**

**PLAYING FIELD OF 50 ACRES**

**Colombes Grounds Can Accommodate Ten Games at Once Without Overcrowding**

A real baseball league, that is what is in store for Parisians this summer. Yes, it is going to be an honest-to-goodness baseball organization, with from 12 to 16 A.E.F. teams comprising the circuit.

The league is already an assured fact. Two meetings have already been held, and a committee of seven has been named to make the rules and elect permanent officers later. At a meeting last week 18 clubs were represented and it was decided that preliminary games will be started Sunday. Because of the weather, it has been agreed not to play the first league games until the last week in May or the first week in June.

Arrangements have been completed to obtain the use of the big athletic field at Colombes, a suburb of Paris, where all the league games will be staged. The field is over 50 acres in extent and at least ten games can be played at the same time. A monster grand stand with

a seating capacity of over 25,000 persons, surrounds part of the field. The practice games will be played on various local gridiron fields, but all league battles will be staged at Colombes on Sunday afternoons.

The Clark Griffith baseball paraphernalia, which was gathered in the States by the well known manager of the Washington club, has been distributed to the managers or captains of the nines, and practice has already started. The Y. M. C. A., which has charge of the distribution of the baseball material, presented it to the managers at the league meeting. Future sessions of the league will be held at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Club.

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